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1. [redacted] the Armored Regiment at Esztergom-Tabor is [redacted] under the divisional command in Esztergom.
2. It consists of a regimental staff, 50 men; a quartermaster section, 50 men; two battalions of tanks, 300 men each; a battalion of light SP guns and a battalion of heavy SP guns, 300 men each; a shop company, 30 men. The 4th (heavy SP guns) Battalion consists of a staff, 40 men; 1st and 2nd Companies, 90 men each; 3rd Company, 80 men. Each company has four officers, the company commander, the political officer and two platoon commanders. Each company has three light machine guns.
3. The 1st Battalion has eight of the older Josef Stalin tanks; the 2nd Battalion has eleven T-34/85 tanks; the 3rd Battalion has 7 SU-76 SP guns, the 4th Battalion has 6 JS-122 SP guns. Besides these, 80 or 90 brand new tanks and SP guns have arrived from the USSR and are in the park.
4. The regiment is particularly well equipped with trucks, jeeps, ambulances, heavy towing units and shop cars, but no count was obtained on them.
5. Recruit training is held from Oct to the middle of Jan, including basic infantry instruction. Technical training begins in Jan. In May 1953 about 200 reservists joined the regiment, and in Apr 1953 these were promoted to NCO rank.
6. The commander is Lt. Col. Sárosi, 45 years old, a tall strong man, a convinced Communist, but not a bad fellow. Commander of the 4th Battalion is Capt. János Csoti, 40 years old. Political officer is Sub-Lt. Jónas, a good speaker and debater.

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7. The service is very hard and discipline is strict. Morale is not good; most of the men say they continue in service not because of political conviction, but because their training has prepared them for no other life than the military. Food is generally very good, with coffee for breakfast, meat daily at noon except on Mondays, tea or coffee in the evening, with sausage, bacon, cheese or a good portion of vegetables.

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ENCLOSURE (A): Sketch map of the camp at Esztergom-Tabor



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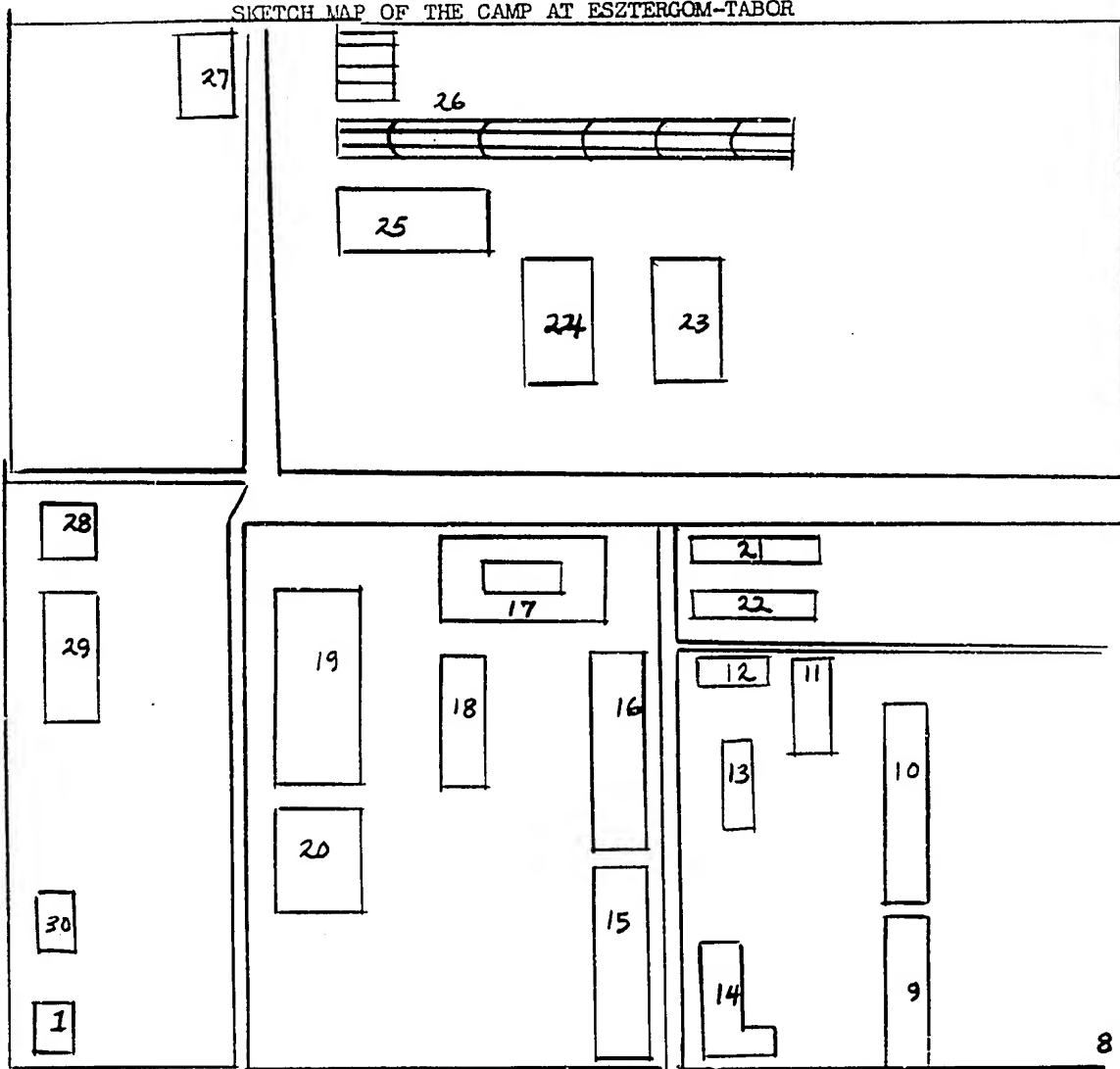
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SKETCH MAP OF THE CAMP AT ESZTERGOM-TABOR

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1. Entrance & guard, 10 x 15 m.
2. Dining room, canteen, barbershop, 10 x 30 m.
3. Depot, one-story, 15 x 30 m.
4. New three-story school-house, 12 x 50 m.
5. New three-story officers' quarters, 12 x 50 m.
6. Movie, 20 x 50 m.
7. One-story building, empty, 10 x 80 m.
8. Rear exit to the exercise area
9. One-story building, empty, 10 x 60 m.
10. One-story enlisted quarters, 10 x 80 m.
11. Garage, 10 x 30 m.
12. One-story quarters for enlisted, 10 x 20 m.
13. Hospital, 12 x 30 m.
14. One-story office building, 12 x 50 m.
15. One-story enlisted quarters, 15 x 80 m.
16. One-story enlisted quarters, 15 x 80 m.
17. One-story enlisted quarters, 12 x 30 x 50 m.
18. Garage, 15 x 50 m.
19. Garage for tanks in use, 25 x 80 m.
20. Garage for new material, 25 x 45 m.
21. Weapons storage
22. Command building
23. Scales
24. Magazine
25. Target range, about 25 x 60 m.
26. Munitions depot, partly underground
27. Machine assembly building
28. Kitchen, 8 x 15 m.
29. Material depot, 10 x 50 m.
30. Guardhouse, 10 x 15 m.
31. Railroad station

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